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Mr. Lon Thomas  
Star Stone Quarries, Inc.  
4040 South 300 West  
Salt Lake City, Utah 84107

Dear Mr. Thomas:

On June 15, 2000, we received your Plan of Operations (Plan) to conduct mining and quarrying activities on your Rosebud #1 and #2 placer mining claims located in T. 10 N., R. 16 W., Section 14 (UMC-354975-354976). On July 17, 2000, you received a letter from this office notifying you that it was our opinion that the building stone you proposed to mine from the Rosebud Quarry area was a common variety mineral material. On August 4, 2000, you indicated that you would be willing to provide monies to the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), to be placed in a suspense account so that 500 tons of building stone could be removed at a value of \$9.00 per ton while a common variety determination was being prepared. On September 28, 2000, you submitted a check to this office in the amount of \$4,500.00.

This office is currently preparing an Environmental Assessment (EA) for your proposed quarrying and stockpiling activities in the Rosebud area. While preparing the EA, it became apparent that additional information would be required before this document could be completed. Please provide the following requested information:

1. In your proposal, you indicate that you plan to establish a "seasonal camp" at the Green Quarry. Please provide a sketch map or illustration showing the approximate layout of your proposed camp, including the exact dimensions of the camp area and the number of trailers and/or permanent structures that you propose to place and/or construct on site;
2. Will the trailers remain at the Green Quarry permanently or be removed from the area when seasonal quarrying and stockpiling activities are concluded?
3. How many people will be living at the proposed seasonal camp?
4. During what months of the year would workers be staying in the seasonal camp?

5. In your Plan, you state that you propose to place signs warning the public of the quarrying activities occurring on your mining claims. Please provide a detailed topographic map showing the precise location where you propose to place the signs.
6. In your submitted Plan, you indicate that "palletized stone will be stored on the waste dump until ready for shipment," however Map #3-2 and #3-3 for the Green and White Quarries show separate pallet storage areas apart from the waste dump at each location. Please provide this office with the precise dimensions of each of the proposed pallet storage areas you have shown on your Plan maps.
7. Please provide an illustration and the precise dimensions of the fuel tank containment and barrel storage structure you propose to construct at the Green Quarry. In addition, please indicate the thickness of the "plastic sheeting" you propose to line the containment structure with.
8. In your Plan, you indicate that you will be using explosives during operations. Do you have any plans to store this hazardous material on site? If so, please provide a map showing the exact location where this material would be located and a description of the storage structure you propose to use.

We have enclosed a copy of BLM's regulations at 43 CFR 3715 for your use. These regulations have been established to manage the use and occupancy of Public Lands and to evaluate if an operator's proposed occupancy is "reasonably incident" to the development of a locatable mineral deposit. Please review these regulations and provide any additional information that may be required regarding your proposed use and occupancy of the subject mining claims.

Please submit the requested information within 30 days of receipt of this letter. If you have any questions, or require additional information, please feel free to contact Michael Ford of my staff at (801) 977-4360.

Sincerely,

**/S/ MICHAEL G. NELSON**

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